

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02633-BAH**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/03/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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FOUNDATION**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/03/2019	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number

		0090-6353658) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u><a href="#">1</a></u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u><a href="#">2</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">3</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">4</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">5</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">6</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">7</a></u> Summons, # <u><a href="#">8</a></u> Exhibit, # <u><a href="#">9</a></u> Exhibit, # <u><a href="#">10</a></u> Exhibit, # <u><a href="#">11</a></u> Exhibit, # <u><a href="#">12</a></u> Exhibit, # <u><a href="#">13</a></u> Exhibit)(George, Aman) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/03/2019	<u><a href="#">2</a></u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (George, Aman) (Entered: 09/03/2019)
09/05/2019		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zrdj) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u><a href="#">3</a></u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u><a href="#">1</a></u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019	<u><a href="#">4</a></u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 5, 2019. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/16/2019	<u><a href="#">5</a></u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/9/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/9/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 9/9/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 9/9/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 9/9/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 9/9/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/9/2019. (Attachments: # <u><a href="#">1</a></u> Declaration)(George, Aman) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/19/2019	<u><a href="#">6</a></u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/19/2019)
10/09/2019	<u><a href="#">7</a></u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/09/2019)
10/23/2019	<u><a href="#">8</a></u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u><a href="#">8</a></u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit, by November 26, 2019, a further joint status report advising the court of (1) the status of the defendants' searches, including an estimate of when those searches will be completed; and (2) the parties' proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions, if appropriate. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 24, 2019. (lcbah4) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/26/2019. (tg) (Entered: 10/25/2019)